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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 4,400 IN AUGUST TO 404,400

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island increased by 4,400 in August, almost entirely due to gains occurring in the Manufacturing sector, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 404,400 in August. This represents a gain of 4,400 over the July level of 400,000, and is 10,300 jobs more than the August 1983 total of 394,100.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment increased by 4,300 in the July-August period. The current figure of 121,500 is 4,200 greater than the August 1983 level of 117,300. In the Durable Goods category, the August employment total of 82,400 was up 3,000 from the July level, and was 2,900 above the figure recorded one year ago in August. The current Nondurable Goods employment level of 39,100 was up by 1,300 over the month, and was 1,300 greater than the August 1983 total of 37,800.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly gains were registered in Jewelry/Silverware (+1,800) and Fabricated Metals (+600). Monthly increases of 200 each were reported in Electrical Machinery and Miscellaneous Manufacturing while Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments each were up 100. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from the previous month. Compared to last August, the largest employment increases were posted in Electrical Machinery and Miscellaneous Manufac-

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OCTOBER 7 – 13 PROCLAIMED NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

The period of October 7-13, 1984 will mark the Fortieth observance of National Employ the Handicapped Week, an effort intended to draw the nation's attention to the millions of handicapped workers who contribute to the economy. Further, the week also marks the Thirtieth Anniversary of the amendment to the Federal legislation which formally established the program of services to handicapped persons in the public employment service, commonly referred to as the Job Service.

Announcing the 40th National Employ the Handicapped Week, Mary C. Hackett, Director of the R.I. Department of Employment Security, commends the record of many Rhode Island employers who take a positive approach to hiring and retaining handicapped workers.

During Fiscal Year 1984, 1,486 handicapped individuals sought employment through the Rhode Island Job Service system of local offices; of this number over 35 percent — 521 — were placed in jobs. In the past 40 years the Job Service has accentuated the positive — that a worker's abilities are far more important than his or her limitations.

Employers wishing to hire qualified handicapped workers are encouraged to list their job openings with the Rhode Island Job Bank — call 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. A listing of Job Service offices appears on page two of this Bulletin.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 5 Harrison Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS
JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Total Placements	3,237-P	2,256-P	2,914
New Applications	5,549-P	4,362-P	4,843
New Openings Rec'd.	4,726-P	3,617-P	4,608

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1984	July 1984	% Change July 1984
Initial Claims	6,847	15,070	- 54.6
No. of Payments	46,786	50,196	- 6.8
Amt. of Payments	$4,939,869	$5,332,633	- 7.4
Exhaustions	1,003	1,004	- 0.1

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Aug. 1984	July 1984
Initial Claims	1,199	1,214
No. of Payments	8,932	9,098
Amount of Payments	$ 926,361	$ 881,255

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force – Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	494.0	492.3	481.1
Unemployment	24.9	33.6	38.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.0	6.8	8.0
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.9	6.0	7.8

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
Civilian Labor Force	476.6	476.7	472.2
Unemployment	33.4	30.9	46.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.0	6.5	9.9

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
Civilian Labor Force	41,585	40,755	37,980
Unemployment	1,480	1,745	1,835
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	4.3	5.0

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
Civilian Labor Force	16,780	16,080	16,760
Unemployment	940	980	1,275
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.6	6.1	7.6

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
AUGUST 20 – 24, 1984

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	11,199	100.0
Men	4,466	39.9
Under 45	3,274	73.3
45 and over	1,192	26.7
Women	6,733	60.1
Under 45	4,057	60.3
45 and over	2,676	39.7
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	655	5.8
Manufacturing	4,742	42.3
Public Utilities	873	7.8
Wholesale and Retail	1,745	15.6
Finance-Insurance & Real Estate	407	3.6
Service	2,008	17.9
All Other	769	6.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,731	15.5
Clerical and Sales	2,298	20.4
Service	1,178	10.5
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	174	1.6
Processing	233	2.1
Machine Trades	1,440	12.9
Bench Work	1,498	13.4
Structural Work	800	7.1
Miscellaneous	1,469	13.1
INA	378	3.4

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	July 1984	Aug. 1983
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	404.4	400.0	394.1	+4,400	+10,300
MANUFACTURING	121.5	117.2	117.3	+4,300	+ 4,200
NONMANUFACTURING	282.9	282.8	276.8	+ 100	+ 6,100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.6	13.6	12.6	-	+ 1,000
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.2	13.2	10.8**	-	+ 2,400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	85.0	84.8	84.2	+ 200	+ 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.9	21.8	21.5	+ 100	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	94.1	94.1	93.2	-	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	55.1	55.3	54.5	- 200	+ 600

1983 Figures REVISED. 1984 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	July 1984	Aug. 1983	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1983	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1983	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1983
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.5	117.2	117.3	+4300	+4200	$274.51	$266.19	38.5	38.3	$7.13	$6.95
DURABLE GOODS	82.4	79.4	79.5	+3000	+2900	275.16	266.64	38.7	38.2	7.11	6.98
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	264.97	284.80	36.1	39.5	7.34	7.21
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0	358.80	375.83	40.0	43.1	8.97	8.72
PRIMARY METALS	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 100	323.59	325.89	38.8	41.2	8.34	7.91
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	8.6	9.1	+ 600	+ 100	251.41	232.01	38.5	35.1	6.53	6.61
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.8*	6.7*	6.5*	+ 100	+ 300	413.10	357.87	45.0	39.5	9.18	9.06
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.6	11.4	10.9	+ 200	+ 700	248.79	262.64	38.1	39.2	6.53	6.70
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.4	9.4	9.0	0	+ 400	390.10	346.24	40.3	38.6	9.68	8.97
INSTRUMENTS	4.9	4.8	4.6	+ 100	+ 300	267.57	304.16	37.9	42.9	7.06	7.09
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.8	22.0	23.4	+1800	+ 400	203.29	200.75	37.3	36.7	5.45	5.47
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.6	5.1	+ 200	+ 700	264.80	221.00	38.6	34.0	6.86	6.50
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.1	37.8	37.8	+1300	+1300	269.04	265.39	38.0	38.8	7.08	6.84
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.3	3.2	+ 100	+ 200	218.13	193.57	33.0	34.2	6.61	5.66
TEXTILES	11.0	10.3	11.0	+ 700	0	262.66	247.04	40.1	40.3	6.55	6.13
APPAREL	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 100	194.11	213.33	33.7	37.1	5.76	5.75
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.4	2.5	+ 100	0	240.92	240.09	38.0	38.6	6.34	6.22
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	5.8	5.7	+ 100	+ 200	388.48	389.00	37.9	38.9	10.25	10.00
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.3	3.3	3.0	0	+ 300	349.76	347.82	38.1	37.4	9.18	9.30
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.6	1.6	1.3	0	+ 300	285.23	277.33	41.1	38.2	6.94	7.26
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	4.9	5.0	+ 200	+ 100	277.13	266.85	37.4	38.9	7.41	6.86
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.8	2.8	+ 100	+ 100	189.67	206.32	40.1	39.6	4.73	5.21

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BETHESDA MD 20814

WHENEVER YOU NEED WORKERS CONTACT RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

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turing (+700 each) and Jewelry/Silverware and Transportation Equipment (+400 each). Annual employment advances were also reported in Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments (+300 each) and Fabricated Metals and Lumber/Furniture (+100 each). The only Durable Goods industry experiencing an annual job decline was Primary Metals (-100). Stone-Clay-Glass employment remained unchanged from last August's level.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, the largest monthly employment gains were recorded in Textiles (+700) and Plastics Products (+200). Smaller increases of 100 each were posted in Food-Beverage, Paper Products, Printing-Publishing, and Leather Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries remained unchanged during the July-August period. Compared to last August, increases of 300 jobs were reported in both Chemical Products and Rubber Products, and Food-Beverage and Printing-Publishing each added 200 jobs. Apparel, Plastics Products, and Leather Products each advanced by 100 workers. Textiles and Paper Products employment remained unchanged from last August.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector remained fairly stable during the July to August period, increasing by 100 jobs to an August level of 282,900. This figure does, however, reflect a sizable increase of 6,100 jobs from the August 1983 total of 276,800. Trade posted the largest monthly increase in the Nonmanufacturing sector (+200), as it rose to a level of 85,000, which was up 800 over last August's total. Employment in the Finance, Insurance and Real Estate industries increased by 100 in August to 21,900, up 400 from one year ago. Although overall Government employment fell by 200 for the month to 55,100, it remained 600 above the August 1983 total. Both Contract Construction, at 13,600, and Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,200, remained unchanged from the previous month. However, the former was up 1,000 and the latter was up 2,400 from their August 1983 totals. The Service industries total was also unchanged from July but up from one year ago. At 94,100, Service employment has increased by 900 over the 12-month period.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers decreased by 3 cents in August to $7.13. However, this represents an 18 cent per hour increase compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.7 of an hour in August to 38.5 hours, still remaining 0.2 of an hour greater than the August 1983 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in August amounted to $274.51. While this represents a decrease of $6.16 from last month, it is $8.32 more than was reported in August of last year.

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